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House Collapse Death-Roll Mounts To 12

MAYOR DEMANDS ENQUIRY

P.V.B. Charge Against Salvage Authorities

The death-roll in the city building collapse tragedy reached 12 by Monday night. The salvage work which has been going on for over thirty hours—the time of this report—has succeeded in extricating 77 persons from under debris.

Under The Debris

The Municipal Commissioner says that about 20 more are buried under the debris, according to estimates, while another report states that at least 60 more remain to be rescued. All this, however, is speculation. for no one seems to be in a position to say as to how many of these unfortunate work-people were trapped.

Corporation Adjourns

The Municipal Corporation on Monday took a serious view of the incident and adjourned without transacting any business after the Mayor and the Municipal Commissioner had made statements on the matter.

P. V. B. On Scene, But.....!

The General Secretary of the Peoples' Volunteer Brigade in a statement narrates the strange story of humiliating treatment meted out to this popular organisation which could rush 200 men in less than two hours of the news of the collapse of the building and increased its strength to 500 all of whom worked with zest and zeal. After 20 hours, they were told that they were not wanted and how reluctantly to be withdrawn by the P.V.B. authorities.

TOLL OF HOUSE-COLLAPSE TRAGEDY MOUNTS UP

Till Monday night altogether 77 persons were extricated from under the debris of the collapsed building out of which the number of dead was 12. The rest were injured. Forty-seven of them were admitted in the G. T. Hospital and 3 in the J. J. Hospital.

Two out of the injured persons admitted in the G. T. Hospital on Sunday night succumbed to their injuries on Monday.

Herculean efforts are being made by men of the fighting forces, emergency group of the City Engineering Department and A. R. P. men to rescue those still lying under the debris.

It is believed nearly 60 more persons are still lying under the mass of twisted iron girders and crumbled block of concrete.

Among the dead two were girls aged 2 and 10 years and a boy of 14 years.

After sunrise this morning the body of the contractor's Mehta was dug out but life was extinct

Nothing short of a miracle saved the life of Jehangir Byram Master, an engineering supervisor who was found buried alive when a search party heard him groaning at about 7 a.m. to-day.

Several squads of Municipal and A.R.P. workers are digging the debris and vans after vans filled with loads of concrete and twisted iron leave the place to clear the debris.

The Commissioner of Police has appointed two officers of the Bombay C.I.D. to conduct an inquiry into the matter. Inspector Hibbert is in charge.

Questioned by a reporter of this paper an experienced architect said that in days of cement adulteration and adulteration of other building materials anything was possible.

CORPORATION MEETING ADJOURNED

The city fathers adjourned the Municipal Corporation on Monday as a mark of respect to the dead who lost their lives in the house collapse tragedy on Sunday evening. Mr. Y. J. Meherally, the Mayor, who is not keeping well for the past few days, came to the Corporation not only to make reference regarding the tragedy but also to assure the public that every step will be taken to fathom into the mystery of the tragic mishap. The Municipal Commissioner also made an official statement and promised to submit a full report shortly and in the meantime assured the House that full enquiry is being made as regards the cause of the tragedy.

THREE QUESTIONS

The Mayor said:

"I am sure you all must have been deeply shocked to learn of the tragedy of house collapse at Churchgate Reclamation last evening which has resulted in the loss of several valuable lives. I consider it unfortuate that illness could not allow my being present on the scene of the tragedy and rendering such help as it may be in my power.

"The tragedy has stirred the City deeply—as few things have stirred it recently. Three quesitons directly arise as a result of it. First, the citizens want to know on whose shoulders the responsibility for this house collapse ultimately lies. We must get all the facts. Secondly, whether everything that was possible to save the lives of the unfortunate victims who were trapped inside, was done and done as quickly as it should have been done? The third point is that this incident may be regarded as a test case. The combined resources of the Municipal and other official and non-official organisations have not still succeeded in rescuing all who lie buried though, of course, very strenuous efforts are being made.

"If unfortunately Bombay is bombed, and not one, a dozen or several, but a large number of houses collapse, has the City the necessary organization to deal with the situation? This is a question to which the public attaches the greatest importance. It was precisely because of this that the Corporation showed its keen desire to bring into existence the Civil Defence Committee and urged upon Government for a wider measure of public control. We have a splendid Fire Brigade Service and we have in Mr. Modak, our City Engineer, an officer of great gifts. Given the necessary tools we can assure that good work would be done. The time has come when an immediate inquiry should be made to see if we have all the necessary materials and if we have the necessary resources with us, if not, what should be done to acquire them. I am going to request the Municipal Commissioner to answer these questions.

Let me say a word about the good work that the Military authorities have done in the matter of the house collapse. I would like to thank them publicly. Finally our sympathies go to the families of the unfortunate victims of this ghastly tragedy.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ASSURANCE.

The Mayor then requested the Municipal Commissioner to make a statement before the house regarding the mishap. The Municipal Commissioner then said:

"I regret to inform the House that a tragedy the like of which has not been seen in this city before took place yesterday at about 3-38 p.m. (B. T.) when a building under construction on the Jamshedji Tata Road collapsed. Councillors must have read a report about this tragedy which has appeared in the press to-day. The building was a cement concrete structure with pile foundation and a number of labourers were working in the building when it fell down. Intimation was received by the Fire Brigade at 3-42 p.m. (B. T.) and two engines and one ambulance were immediately rushed to the scene. The Officer Commanding, Fire Services arrived on the spot soon afterwards and rescue work was taken in hand forthwith. Within a short time the emergency gangs from the City Engineer's Department arrived and started to assist in the rescue work.

"The Military authorities, the A. R. P. Rescue Services and Salvage Corps were also on the spot and took part in the rescue work. It was a mass of rubble and men of all these services were working uninterruptedly in helping to extricate the trapped persons. The work was of a very difficult nature because the reinforcements and concrete had to be cut and carefully removed before the trapped persons could be taken out. The equipment required for cutting was secured from the B. E. S. & T. Co. and lighting arrangements were made by the B. E. S. T. Co. and the Gas Co. The work was continued during night and upto now about 79 bodies been recovered. Out of these about 5 persons have died. It is not possible to say what the number of trapped persons inside is but it is estimated that about 20 persons may still be under the debris. The work of clearing the debris is in progress but as the mass of debris is enormous it is expected that it will take about six or seven days to clear the entire debris. Every effort is however being made to extricate the trapped persons who can be located.

Besides the organisations mentioned above, the P. W. D., Port Trust, the Military Rescue Services, P. V. B. Volunteers, R. I. N. Dockyard men have been assisting in this work. The Hospital staff of the J. J. and G. T. Hospital has been in attendance and Municipal A. R. P. as well as other ambulances have been rendering invaluable assistance. It is hoped that it may be possible to extricate all the persons who are still alive.

I propose to submit a full report in this connection very shortly.

I take this opportunity of thanking all the organisations and volunteers, who have been assisting in this work wholeheartedly and without whose assistance and co-operation it would not have been possible to extricate so many bodies and to save the lives of so many persons.

Investigation is being made as regards the cause of this collapse and a report will be submitted when the investigation has been completed.

Mr. S. K. Patil then moved and Dr. G. R. A. Shaikh seconded the proposition that the house do adjourn without transacting any business. The proposition was agreed to.

The Mayor then adjourned the House till 3-30 p.m. to-day.

TREATMENT OF P.V.B. VOLUNTEERS

The General Secretary of the P.V.B. in a statement on the house collapse tragedy says :—

The P.V.B. organisation got the first news of the disaster about two hours after its occurrence. We decided to rush to the spot as much help as they could render. About two hundred volunteers reached the place of the tragedy at about 7 p.m. For about a full hour they were not allowed to enter the barricaded area and render any help. After a good deal of persuasion some of our volunteers were allowed to take part in the recue work which had already started.

By this time word had gone round to all Circle Offices of the P.V.B. to rush as many volunteers as they could to the place of the tragedy. By about 10 o'clock no less than 500 volunteers got busy removing the debris and doing several other odd jobs in shifts. Throughout the night of Sunday and during the morning hours of Monday, the P.V.B. maintained the strength of 500 volunteers.

The direction and control of the salvage work were naturally not in the hands of the P.V.B. and our volunteers had only to carry on such duties as were allotted to them by the authorities in power. Under heavy odds our volunteers worked for over 20 hours without any of those facilities which are easily available to organisations blessed with Government support.

Since Monday morning, however, the authorities in charge began to show indications that they did not want the P.V.B. volunteers to take part in this great and urgent humanitarian duty. Whenever the P.V.B. volunteers approached the men in control for work and more work they were directed from pillar to post, till at last they were told that their services were not wanted. In spite of this insult and humiliation, our volunteers remained round about the spot till late in the evening in the vain hope of doing some service to the unfortunate victims of the tragedy.

But the attitude of the men in charge began to harden and it was soon realised that it was impossible for our volunteers to render any help with anything like self-respect. Orders had, therefore, to be given to our volunteers late in the evening to withdraw. We were forced to take this painful decision because no amount of persuasion on our side could be of any avail. We were thus robbed of an opportunity of rendering more help to the people in distress.

This explanation also became necessary to avoid any likely misunderstanding in the minds of the people by the withdrawal of volunteers from the scene of tragedy.

Relief To Families Of Victims

Mr K. P. Koppikar has sent us a sum of Rs. 5|- as his contribution to any fund that may be started for the relief of the families of the victims of the house collapse at Churchgate Reclamation.

To Enlist Support For Rajagopalachar

MADRAS, June 29.

Mr. K. Subramanyam, member, Madras Legislative Assembly, from Tirukoilur, South Arcot District, has started hunger-strike to enlist support for Mr. C. Rajagopalachari's proposals, according to a Tirukoilur message.—A. P.

Jap Drive For Tungsten Fields

CHUNGKING, June 29.

Kiangsi's rich resources of the vital war metal tungsten are one important objective of the present Japanese drive into Chekiang and Kiangsi Provinces, it is stated here. But they are still a long way from the famous Kiangsi Tungsten fields. The farthest point south in Kiangsi Province yet reached by the Japanese is Nancheng, about 87 miles south-east from Nanchang. Even there the Japanese hold is precarious with counter-attacking Chinese columns now storming the city. The tungsten fields are further south towards the Kwantung border.

China produces from sixty to seventy per cent of the world's tungsten of which the major portion is drawn from Kiangsi.—Reuter.

NAZIS WANT NO RAIDS ON BERLIN

Four-Figure Bombers' Attack On German Cities Tells

LONDON, June 29.

Rumours of a so-called Gentlemen's agreement between Britain and Germany not to bomb each other's capital have been spread by newspaper correspondents recently arrived at Stockholm from Berlin, says Reuter's Air Correspondent.

The rumours are probably due to the wish being father to the thought in Berlin. The recent thousand-bomber raids on Cologne, Essen and Bremen and Mr. Churchill's broadcast promise last month that the first mammoth raid was "the herald of what Germany will receive city by city from now on" must have aroused fears amongst Berliners that they are next on the list of Air Marshal Harris' targets.

AMERICAN PLANES PETRIFY NAZIS

The news that American aircraft are now beginning to occupy aerodromes in Britain will have helped to increase these fears Such rumours are a sign of incipient hysteria but it will be unwise to regard the story as coming from any authoritative quarter in Berlin. The fact that such a proposal would suit Germany at the moment is no indication that she would keep such an agreement the moment it suited her purpose to break it.—Reuter.

Enemy Raid Over South-West England

LONDON, June 29.

A 'communique' states: "Last night enemy aircraft were over areas on the west and south coasts of England. Bombs were dropped at several points at Weston-super-mare. Fires were started and damage done in residential and shopping areas and a number of casualties is reported. Elsewhere casualties and damages were slight Two enemy aircraft were destroyed, one near its base and the other off the south-west coast of England."—Reuter.

CHURCHILL PREPARES FOR CONFIDENCE BATTLE

By-Election Results Cause Anxiety: Joint Appeal By Party Leaders To People Of Windsor

LONDON, June 29.

The Prime Minister Mr. Churchill has been busy since his return from Washington preparing for the forthcoming two-day debate on the Libyan setbacks, when for the first time since his Government was formed in May 1940 he will face a motion of censure, says Reuter's Political Correspondent.

Conservative Sir John Wardlaw Milne, who initiates the motion of censure has thus far only 18 avowed supporters, drawn from all parties. Thus the revolt is numerically a minor one.

A BREAK WITH TRADITION

The leaders of the principal political parties represented in Mr. Churchill's Coalition Government have issued a joint appeal for support to the electors of Windsor where a by-election is due to be held on June 30.

This is the first time that such a joint appeal has been issued.

The signatories are the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, representing the Conservatives, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, for Labour, the Minister of Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, for Liberal, Nationalists and the Air Secretary, Sir Archibald Sinclair, on behalf of the Liberals.

Clearly this is the beginning of a new policy of closer co-ordination among the political parties supporting the present Government to secure the election of Government candidates at by-elections and the defeat of independents.

It is known that the recent successes of independent candidates, the last being that of Mr. Driberg, who secured a big majority over the Government nominee at Maldon last week, has caused considerable apprehension among some Government supporters.

The appeal to the Windsor electors does not take the form usually followed by political leaders of sending a letter to a particular candidate, but is in the form of a general appeal to all the electors. The election of the National Government's candidate, it is declared, will be an endorsement of "the country's unshakable loyalty to the principle of national unity which we regard as the foundation of our strength in prosecuting the war to a victorious conclusion."

Mr. Attlee's signature may produce some criticism among his own followers. The maintenance of political truce was sharply questioned at the recent Labour Party meeting and it is certain that the leader's action will be questioned at future meetings, though it is equally certain that he will carry the majority with him.—Reuter.

Hitler's Summer Offensive

LONDON, June 29.

To-day's reports from the Russian front indicated that Hitler's troops striking at Kursk and east of Kharkov may have begun the long-heralded summer offensive with a master plan to split the Russian armies into three sections.

The offensive at Kupyansk, east of Kharkov, would appear to be aimed at capturing Rostov as a preliminary to isolating the Caucasus from Central Russia.

Further north the thrust from Kursk seems to be designed to cut off Marshal Timoshenko's forces in the Donetz Basin from the Russian central forces under General Zhukov based on Moscow.

The Russians are resisting stubbornly in the Kharkov sector, and hitherto General von Bock has made no appreciable advance beyond Kupyansk.

The hard-pressed fortress of Sebastopol is holding out after what is now probably the heaviest air and artillery bombardment ever suffered by an area of similar size.

Unofficial Russian reports speak of renewed activity along the Briansk front where the Germans appear to be attempting to gauge the strength of Russian defences. —Reuter.

RUSSIA STARTS RUBBER PLANTATION

MOSCOW, June 29.

A number of experimental plantations of rubber-bearing plants have been established in Russia by the Institute for Plant Physiology. —Reuter.

VELLORE, June 29.

Thirtyone detenus belonging to Malabar were released to-day on condition that they report their address to the police station once a month.

Three Koilpatty Conspiracy Case detenus were also released.—A. P.

Battle For Egypt Reaching Climax

8TH ARMY MEETS AXIS DRIVE ALONG COAST

Biggest Non-Stop Armoured Clash Gathers Hourly Momentum

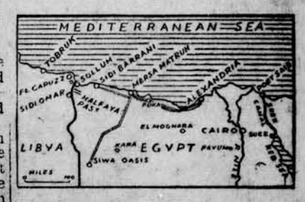
CAIRO, June 29

The greatest non-stop armoured clash ever known in Africa is now sweeping to and fro across the desert.

The Eighth Army is meeting the full weight of Rommel's drive over a wide area along the coast.

Fighting is growing in intensity hourly.

OVER 400 SQUARE MILES AREA



In an area of roughly 400 square miles with Mersa Matruh and Hamza as its Axis, a great crucial battle is now surging to and fro

Among the formations which the enemy have thrown in are the Fifteenth and Twenty-first German Panzer Divisions, the Nineteenth German Light Division together with the Italian Ariete, Trieste and Littorio Divisions.

CONFUSED FIGHTING

Fighting around Mersa Matruh is authoritatively described as heavy, fluid and confused, says Reuter's military correspondent.

It is obvious that a rough and tumble all-out engagement is taking place over a very large area and the fact that the communique speaks of encounters both south-west and south-east of Mersa-Matruh shows that the enemy have managed to penetrate a considerable distance to the east.

There are no favourable topographical positions between Matruh and Delta but so long as the Eighth Army is in being, every forward movement of Rommel's army will be hotly contested.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON LARGE AREA

The Middle East War 'communique' to-day states: "Heavy fighting between mobile and armoured forces continued yesterday to the south-west and south-east of Mersa Matruh.

Fighting covered a very large area.

No details are available.

R.A.F. BOMBS ENEMY TRANSPORTS

The Middle East R.A.F. 'communique' states: "Enemy concentrations of motor transport and tanks were heavily attacked throughout Saturday and Sunday nights by our bombers. Between Matruh and Sollum numerous large fires, obviously in petrol dumps, were caused.

Yesterday our fighters continued to carry out valuable reconnaissance patrols as well as providing protective cover over the battle area.

Malta was raided on Saturday night but there was only slight damage.

Eight of our planes are missing from the operations."

RAID ON ALEXANDRIA

The area of Alexandria was raided this morning. Few bombs were dropped causing only slight damage and no casualties, the Ministry of the Interior announces.

BATTLE NEARING CLIMAX

From Reuter's special correspondent:—

The battle in the Egyptian desert, where the British are bitterly resisting the Axis bid to drive through to the Nile Valley, remains in a highly fluid state, with positions changing hands hourly. For three days tank engagements have been raging intermittently, while artillery columns have fought without rest.

It is likely that the terrific fighting will continue for some time before the position clarifies

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Mersa Matruh Evacuated

CAIRO, June 29.

Mersa Matruh has been evacuated.—Reuter

R. A. F. Raids On Hazebrouck

LONDON, June 29.

Boston bombers escorted by many squadrons of R.A.F. fighters this afternoon raided the railway yards at Hazebrouck. Three enemy fighters were destroyed; five R.A.F. fighters are missing but all bombers returned safely.

although the battle must be now nearing the climax.

The heat is making things most uncomfortable and the strain on the forces is considerable. From dawn to dusk the roar of guns thunders along the low-lying coastal plains. Far into the night, under bright moonlight, tanks, guns and planes continue to struggle with the flash of the artillery and the floating Verey lights turning the desert into a mad inferno.

Eighth Army Meets Rommel's Full Weight

Flames of blazing tanks and trucks flared throughout the desert battle area last night, as the greatest non-stop armoured clash ever known in Africa swept to and fro, writes Reuter's special correspondent. Hour by hour the grim fighting grew in intensity.

The whole situation remains confused as the mobile columns of both sides engage in a vast swinging battle over a wide area along the coast, where the Eighth Army is meeting the full weight of Rommel's all-out drive.

Earthquake In Santiago

SANTIAGO, June 29.

An extra violent earthquake was felt here in the early hours of the morning. Old houses were destroyed and scenes of panic were witnessed, as the inhabitants poured out into the streets in total darkness, all lights having failed.

It was felt principally in the central part of the country with the epicentre in Santiago district. Mendoza, a district of Argentina also experienced a severe and prolonged earthquake.

The earthquake which shook Santiago and Valpraiso to-day was the most severe experienced in Chile since 1927, when the towns of Talca and Conception were destroyed, it is officially announced. The Intendencia—the headquarters of the Provincial Government—was among the many buildings damaged in Valparaiso.—Reuter.

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, the audited Revenue and Profit and Loss Accounts and the Balance Sheet of the Company for the period ended 31st December, 1941.
2. To Sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3. To appoint Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
4. To elect Mr. J. C. Setalvad who was co-opted a Director under Article 96 as a Director who is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
5. To elect Mr. Mangaldas B. Mehta who was co-opted a Director under Article 96 as a Director who is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
6. To appoint Auditors for the current year 1942 and fix their remuneration.

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AN APOLOGY

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2 We have removed 490 infringing labels from the coats on hand and have on hand 100 such loose labels. We undertake to hand over to your representative all the labels 590 on demand.

3 We undertake to deliver to your representative the printing block used in printing the label complained of.

You are at liberty to publish this undertaking and apology or any part thereof in newspapers or otherwise as and when you think fit.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male Hindu other than Scheduled Caste candidates to fill the post of Principal, Sanskrit College, Calcutta in the Men's Branch of the Bengal Senior Educational Service. Pay 300-1000. Special pay 75. Qualifications—must have obtained a First Class M.A. degree in Sanskrit of an Indian University or an equivalent degree of a European University with high honours in the B. A. in Sanskrit and possess knowledge of modern methods of research. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Secretariat Building, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 25th July, 1942. (8896)

THE C.K.P. CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT BANK, LTD., DADAR

NOTICE.

THE ELECTION of the Office-bearers of the Bank for the year 1942-43 will take place as per Election Rules of the Bank.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Office of the Bank on any working day, during Office hours from 1st of July, 1942 to 20th of July, 1942 and must be sent to the Hon. Secretary so as to reach him between 16th and 31st July, 1942.

H. S. TIPNIS,
Hon. Secretary.

30th June, 1942
66-67, Vijay Nagar, Dadar, B.B. (8892)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST RAILWAY.

NOTICE

DEMURRAGE ON WAGONS

REFERENCE:—B.P.T. RAILWAY GOODS TARIFF No. 4, PARAS 103 (g), (h), (j), (k), (m) & (n).

WHEREAS the state of traffic to and from the Bombay Port Trust Railway makes it necessary to curtail the free time allowed under paras 103 (j), (k), (m) & (n) in accordance with para 103 (x), I hereby give notice that with effect from 1st July, 1942, for the purpose of demurrage the free time for unloading and loading wagons in PRIVATE SIDINGS is reduced from 6 working hours to 4 1|2 working hours and the free time allowed for unloading and loading wagons in PUBLIC SIDINGS and the Timber Ponds Siding is reduced from 9 working hours to 6 working hours.

"Working hours" in PRIVATE and PUBLIC SIDINGS will be from 7 to 18 hours (6 p.m.) on all days without exception from 1-7-1942.

"Working hours" in Dock Sidings are in accordance with para 103 (h) including Sundays.

H. A. GAYDON,
Manager.

Nicol Road, Fort,
Bombay, 29th June, 1942. (8900)

BOMBAY SUBURBAN ELECTRIC SUPPLY, LTD.

ISSUE OF 9,794 ORDINARY SHARES OF Rs. 100|- EACH AT PAR.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purposes of the above issue of shares and for the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31st March, 1942, the Transfer Books of the above Company will be closed from Friday, 10th July, to Thursday, 23rd July, 1942, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON & CO.,
Agents.

Home Street, Fort,
Bombay, 29th June 1942. (8898)

THE STEEL CORPORATION OF BENGAL, LIMITED.

NOTICE

IN VIEW of the uncertainty of Mails from and to the United Kingdom the publication of the Directors' Report and the Accounts of the Steel Corporation of Bengal, Limited, for the year ended 31st December, 1941, which are to be published simultaneously in India and England will be delayed. All possible steps are, however, being taken to have matters expedited. In order to enable shareholders to obtain payment of their dividends as soon as possible, however, the Directors have sanctioned the payment by way of an ad-interim dividend of Annas ten per share on the Ordinary shares of the Corporation ranking for dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1941, which, shareholders must understand, will be the final dividend for the year. The Transfer Books of the Corporation will be closed from 10th to 17th July, 1942, both days inclusive. Payment will be made on and after 31st July to those members or their mandatees whose names appear in the registers on the 9th July, 1942.

By order of the Board,
BURN & CO.,
Managing Agents.

Calcutta, 26th June, 1942. (8897)

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES (Purchase Branch), Shahibag House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay invites tenders for the stores detailed below:—

Trowels, punches, screwdrivers, files, axes-felling, tape measuring, shovels etc.

Tender No. MP-8K-2907.

Price of tender form etc. is Rs. 2|- per set and is not refundable and forms not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order only to the Controller of Supplies (Purchase Branch) Bombay quoting tender number and remitter's full address on the coupon.

Tenders will be received upto 4 P.M. on 18|7|42 and opened at 12 noon on 20|7|42. (8903)

SHARES LOST OR MISLAID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that two scrips of Shares Nos. 11953 and 11700 of the Century Spg. & Mfg. Co., Ltd., standing in the name of Mr. Gambhirdas Bhudardas of Radhanpur, have been LOST or MISLAID or STOLEN in transit and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificates. Any persons having any claim on the said shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its registered office, Queens Mansions, Prescot Road, Fort, Bombay within one month from this date, after which no claim will be considered and the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates.

(Sd.) GAMBHIRDAS BHUDERDAS.

Bombay 25th June, 1942. (8902)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, invites tenders for reconditioning of scrap brass boring quality No. 2 available at the Mechanical Stores Depot, Parel. Tender forms obtainable from the Controller of Stores' Office at Rs. 2 per copy which amount will not be refunded. Payment by cheques, postal orders and postage stamps will not be accepted. Closing date TUESDAY, 21st July 1942, at 3 p.m. (S.T.).

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 30th June, 1942 (8904)

8799

Public Notices

AHMEDABAD MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of the articles stated below to the Ahmedabad Municipality so as to reach the undersigned on or before MONDAY, the 13th July, 1942, at 4 P.M. The tenders should be accompanied with earnest money as under without which no tender will be considered.

The copy of the specification, and tender form can be had from the Store-keeper on application, on payment as shown below. The tenderers are at liberty to remain present at the time the tenders are opened.

The Municipality reserves its right to accept any or the lowest tender.

	Tender fee Rs.	Earnest money Rs.
1. Crowly Carts (Night Soil Carts.)	5|-	300|-

(Sd.) I. R. BHAGAT,
Chief Officer,
Ahmedabad Municipality.

Store Office,
Dated 26th June, 1942. (8898)

WANTED MOTOR DRIVERS

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2. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Esplanade Maidan, BOMBAY.
3. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Assembly Rest House Building, NAGPUR.
4. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Lal Darvaja, AHMEDABAD.
5. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Bungalow No. 39, Camp, BELGAUM. (8718)

NOTICE

OUR PATRONS and CUSTOMERS are hereby informed that we have CLOSED our Branch at Nagdevi Street, since 14th June, 1942, and that Mr. RAJABALI GULAMALI is no more in our services. Henceforth all the correspondence, inquiries, etc., should be made direct with the Head Office.

K. GIGABHAI & SONS,
8-10, Green Street, Fort,
Tele. No. 20453.
Bombay
8895

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that according to the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, as amended by Bombay Act VIII of 1942, Municipal Tax on animals and vehicles is henceforth payable in advance instead of in arrear as hitherto, i.e. on the 1st day of April, July, October and January every year and the liability for the tax will run with the vehicle or animal which is the subject of the tax. The amending Act also provides for refund of the tax paid under certain circumstances specified therein. A copy of the important provisions relating to the levy, recovery and refund of the tax can be had from the office of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Taxes free of charge.

The amending Act comes into force with effect from 1-7-1942 as notified in the Bombay Government Gazette dated 28-5-1942.

As the liability for wheel tax runs with the vehicle or animal from 1-7-1942, persons purchasing vehicles or animals thereafter are warned that they will be responsible for payment of the arrears of tax, if any, due in respect of such vehicles or animals. They are, therefore, requested to see that all arrears of the tax are paid before they obtain possession or control of such vehicles or animals Attention is also drawn to sub-Section 1 of Section 188 of the amending Act under which persons newly owning or possessing vehicles or animals are required to give notice to the Municipal Commissioner within 15 days of their coming into possession of the vehicles or animals that they have come into possession of such vehicles or animals. Non-compliance with this provision renders a person liable to a fine upto Rs. 50|-.

Persons ceasing to own or have possession or control of vehicles and animals are likewise required under sub-Section (2) of Section 188 to give immediate notice to the Municipal Commissioner of the fact that they have ceased to own or have possession or control of such vehicles or animals to avoid their liability for payment of the tax being continued.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner,
for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 30th June, 1942 (8901)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF K. S. MOHAMMAD SAFDAR KHAN, B.A., LL.B., Senior Sub Judge, Peshawar.

GOTAM DEV LAMBAH, son of R. B. L. Mool Chand of Mohalla Bakshi Ram Sahai, Peshawar City ..... Plaintiff

versus

SHYAM LAL JATLI, son of Pandit Khanaya Lal of Peshawar, now C|o Sheri Sound Studio No. 10 Gokal Dass Pista Road, Dadar, Bombay. ..... Defendant.

CLAIM FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 2,360|-|-

WHEREAS the Court has reasons to believe that abovenamed defendant Shyam Lal Jatli is evading service of summonses, it is hereby ordered that the said Shyam Lal Jatli should appear in person or by an authorised Agent or Counsel to conduct the case on 14TH JULY 1942; otherwise proceedings will be taken exparte against him.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 12th day of June, 1942.

MOHD. SAFDAR, K.S.,
Senior Sub Judge, Peshawar.

No. 613
Dated, Peshawar the 22nd June 1942.

Office of the Senior Sub Judge, Peshawar. (8906)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

In the matter of execution of the decree, dated the 21st day of November, 1939, in suit No. 425 of 1934, wherein GOPALDAS POONJA & Ors. were plaintiffs and SUNDERLAL, son of Radhakison Jaikison and others were the defendants.

and

In the matter of Execution proceedings against the legal representatives of DWARKADAS, son of Ranchhordas the 3rd defendant in the said suit

and

In the matter of MUSSAMAT KRISHNAVATI, widow of the said Dwarkadas Ranchhordas and Babu, son of the said Dwarkadas The said Babu, being a minor, under the age of 18 years.

(1.) GOPALDAS POONJA, (2) PURSHOTTAM JETHABHAI and (3.) KHATAU KHIMJI, all of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants, residing at Walkeshwar, without the Fort of Bombay and carrying on business in the name of Messrs. Khimji Poonja and Company at Hamam Street, within the Fort of Bombay. ..... Petitioners.

To,
Mussamat Krishnavati, widow of Dwarkadas, the mother and natural guardian of the minor abovenamed.

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs in the above suit have applied to this Court to have Mussamat Krishnavati or some other fit and proper person appointed guardian for the execution proceedings of the said minor defendant and that the Prothonotary and Senior Master in his Chambers will on the 31st day of July, 1942, at 12 noon proceed to appoint the said Mussamat Krishnavati or some other fit and proper person to be such guardian unless you appear and show good cause against such appointment or propose some more fitting person.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1942.

(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR,

The 17th day of March, 1942.
Messrs. KANGA & CO.,
Attorneys for Petitioners (8901)

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City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Jeth Vad 2, 1998
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akher 15, 1361
Parsi: Deh 29, 1311
Sunrise: 6-3, a.m. Sunset: 7-18 p.m.
Hightide: 0-37, 13-28, Lowtide: 6-42, 19-38
Municipal Corporation 3-40 p.m.
Standing Committee at 2-30 p.m.
Improvements Committee 3 p.m. (B.T.).

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

METRO—"Cagney in Captains of the Clouds" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Saugand" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Sea Hawk", 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"That Night in Rio" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Belle Starr" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Radhika" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Duniya Ek Tamasha" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Station Master" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-45 6 and 9 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Khan-Daan" 3, 6 and 9
SWASTIK—"Vijay" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CHITRA—"Doctor" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PARADISE—"The Flying Deuces" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
AURORA—"They Met in Bombay" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
HIND-MATA—"Anna Ghar" 4-30, 7 and 10
PALACE—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Har-Jeet" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Pahila Paina" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
PLAZA—"Nirdosh" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Tamanna" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Khazanchi" 4, 6-45 and 9-30
KOHINOOR—"Andhi" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Nai Roshni" 4-15, 7 and 10
IMPERIAL—"Masoom" 4, 7 and 10 p. m.

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION STUDENTS' HOME: Applications are invited from College students, preferably from Junior classes for some seats in the Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home at Khar. For particulars apply to the Secretary immediately.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Classes in Hindustani Urdu Script (beginners) and German (beginners) will begin in Anjuman-I-Islam High School, Bori Bunder and Ruia College to-day (Tuesday), at 6-30 and 7 p.m. respectively.

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting of the Gatha Society will be held to-day (Tuesday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.), at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136, Apollo Street, when Dasturji F. A. Bode, will give in Gujarati further discourse on the "Explanation of Sarosh" occurring in the Gathas.

LATE MR. JUSTICE SOMJI: The Managing Committee of the Social Workers' Society at its meeting held on June 23 passed condolence resolution on the sad and premature demise of the Hon. Mr. Justice M. A. Somji, who was the President of the Society since April, 1941.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BOMBAY: Out of the 14 candidates who appeared at the D.O.M.S. Examination held in June 1942, the following five have passed:—Retano Abren; Janakrai Nautamlal Nanavaty; Dara Bomanshaw Nicholson; Hirabhai Dharmdas Patel and Basavapatna Naranappa Subba Rao.

TEA PARTY TO DAMLE POSTPONED: The Tea Party proposed to be given by Councillors to Rao Bahadur Shankar N. Damle, Municipal Secretary, to-day (Tuesday), at 4-30 p.m. (B.T.), at the Corporation Hall, has been postponed, in view of the heavy loss of lives in the house collapse tragedy at Churchgate Reclamation.

BOMBAY AKALI-DAL: Last Sunday there was a general meeting at Gurdwara Akali Dal to celebrate the 103rd Annual Anniversary of Shree Punjab Maharaja Ranjit Singh. S. Ram Singh Jemedar, S. Kartar Singh S. Gurbachan Singh gave lectures on life of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and also discussed about the Ban on Kirpan in Ahmedabad. The annual election of Bombay-Akali Dal was held and S. Kartar Singh Jathedar was elected the President.

Dadabhai Naoroji's 25th Anniversary

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and various other public bodies, the 25th Death Anniversary of the Grand Old Man of India, the late Dadabhai Naoroji, will be observed at a public meeting to-day (Tuesday), at 6-45 p.m. at the Congress House.

Prof. P. A. Wadia, Dr. M.D.D. Gilder, Mr. P. R. Lele, Major S. R Ramji, Jamnadas Dwarkadas and other prominent speakers will address the meeting which will be presided over by the President of the B.P.C.C.

Several public bodies, have lent their auspices:

Grain Dealers' Appeal To Govt.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bombay Grain Dealers' Association, held at Kanbai Wadi, Kandewadi on Friday passed resolutions expressing its resentment at the behaviour of the wholesale sugar merchants and their attitude of withholding the sale of sugar at controlled rates, inspite of a large stock lying with them to the retail dealers and other retail selling sections of the city and suburbs and requesting the Government to arrange to supply in the next week 3,500 bags of sugar which they undertake to distribute among its members.

N. R. Sarker In Bombay

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarker, member for Education, Health and Lands, Government of India who has been invited to deliver the convocation address of the S. N. D. T. Indian Women's University on Saturday next arrived in Bombay to-day.

Packer Arrested On Suspicion

A canvas mail bag containing insured letters worth Rs. 95 and 'V.P.' articles, the value recoverable on which is Rs. 557-7-0, which was sealed and kept waiting to be despatched, disappeared in a somewhat mysterious manner from the Chowpatty Post Office on Saturday afternoon.

Following a complaint from the Inspecting Post Master, west city division, who made inquiries about the vanished bag, The Lamington Road, Police arrested Raoji on suspicion. He was remanded into custody till July 13, by Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, on Monday.

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(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Wassoodew.)

Government of Bombay.....Applicant.

v.

Nilkanth Balaji Pathak .....Opponent.

The Opponent is the Honorary Secretary of the Hindu Sahayyak Mandal and the Mahaluxmi Charity Fund. He had been charged under the Bombay Prize Competitions Act for running two prize competitions without the licence of the Collector with the object of assisting the finances of the two societies by the sale of tickets of 2 annas and 4 annas each respectively.

The First Class Magistrate convicted him and sentenced him to a fine of Rs. 60 on each charge. On appeal, the Sessions Judge of Surat acquitted him on the ground that a scheme which does not require any skill at all for success is not covered by the Act in question and no licence is required for such a competition. Aggrieved by this acquittal the Government approached the High Court in Revision on the ground that the learned Sessions Judge erred in his view of the law.

Their Lordships admitted the application and ordered the issue of a Rule.

APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION DISMISSED WITH COSTS

An application made by Prof. Ghurye for taking the Lokashikshan Mandali into compulsory liquidation, was dismissed by Mr. Justice Kania with costs on the ground that the High Court had nothing to do with it. The application should have been made to the Poona District Court.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN).

The Men's Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Soccour of St. Andrew's Church Bandra on Sunday celebrated the feast of their Patroness by a Solemn High Mass at 7 a.m. said by the very Revd. Mgs .D. de'Sa Dean of West Salsette, assisted by Rev. Fr. H. J. Remedios and Rev. Mr. F. Lobo. After mass the members met in the School Hall where a general meeting was held which was followed by light refreshments In the evening Mgr. Andrew Paul D'Souza, Vicar of Gloria Church preached a very instructive and edyfying armon on "Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Soccour" which was followed by Solemn Benediction.

The ninth annual report of this Sodality makes interesting reading.

The Sodality has on its rolls 132 members, 3 members in Religious Orders, and 11 candidates. During the year under report the Hospital Section carried out their duties as in the past. The Sodality Study Circle organised five meetings and at these meetings fourteen subjects of Catholic interest were discussed.

CHILDREN AID SOCIETY: The annual ordinary general meeting of the Children's Aid Society, Bombay, will be held to-day (Tuesday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.) in the Committee Room of the Civil Secretariat, Fort, Bombay.

ON THE AIR

TUESDAY, JUNE 30.

Delhi I—Programme

5 p.m. Sultana Begam. 5-15 S. Chowdhary and party. 5-30 Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan. 6-30 Gauhar Sultan. 6-45 Aziz-ur-Rahman. 7 Duets. 7-15 Kitabonaki Baten .7-30 S. Chowdhary and party. 7-40 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 7-47 Gauhar Sultan. 8 Sultana Begam. 8-15 For villagers only. 9-50 Aziz-ur-Rahman. 10 Mubarak Ali Khan. 10-20 Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan. 10-35 Gauhar Sultan.

Bombay I—Programme.

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7-30 a.m. Amirbai Karnataki. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Panditrao Nagarkar. 8-40 Gujarati Ghazal. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati 9-10 Air quartet. 9-20 N. S. Khalikar. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi songs. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati songs. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-20 School broadcasts. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 N. S. Khalikar. 5-20 Panditrao Nagarkar. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Clarionet Duet. 6 News in English. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half hour 7 Our Ally China. 7-15 N. S. Khalikar. 7-30 R. G Joshi. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Amirbai Karnataki. 8-10 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Frowning highbrows. 8-45 "The National War Front" 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Listening post. 9-50 War review. 10 Mehli Mehta and his Sextette.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Recitations from Gujarati poems. 8 Mammu Khan. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1 8-50 R G. Joshi. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 4-20 to 7-15 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8-10 As in Bombay 1. 8-10 V. S. Gangolli. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-15 R. G. Joshi. 9-30 Amirbai Karnataki 9-50 Gat Tora on Tabla. 10-5 Panditrao Nagarkar

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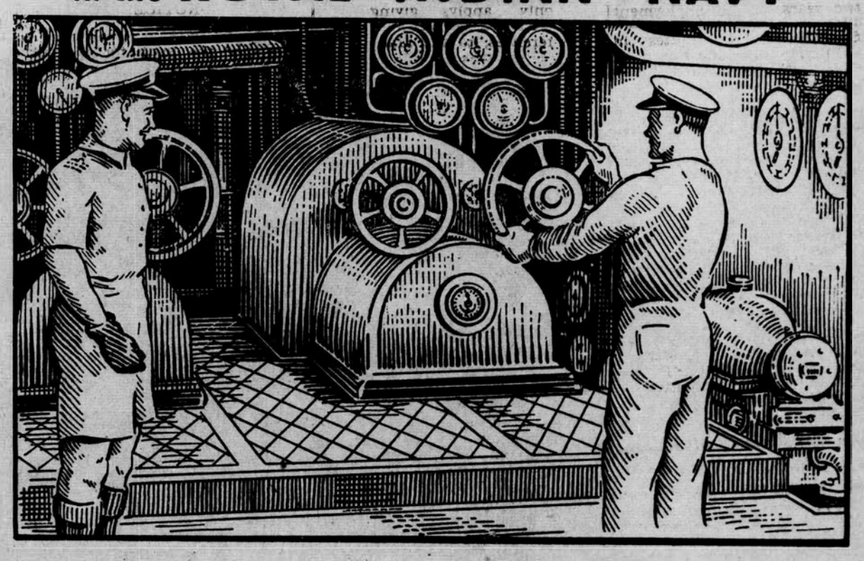

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STILL MORE RESTRICTIONS

The Government of India have acted most unwisely in imposing fresh restrictions on the Press with regard to comments on the conduct of armed forces. In exercise of the practically unlimited powers of the Defence of India Act they have amended Rule 34 of the Defence of India Rules so as to penalise any attempt "to bring into hatred, or contempt or excite disaffection towards, His Majesty's forces or any section thereof." This clause is worse than the notorious Section 124A of the Penal Code which penalises an attempt to create disaffection against "the Government established by law" but not against individual officers of the Government. The present Rule treats as offence disaffection not merely against His Majesty's forces in general but also "any section thereof." Thus comments on the acts of individual soldiers can come under the Rule. Nor have Government left room for any doubt in the matter. Their Press note issued last week says that, while "allegations against members of the armed forces will continue to be investigated wherever there are grounds for an inquiry" "wherever an allegation has been found to be unsubstantiated, false or grossly exaggerated immediate action will be taken wherever possible and the facts justify such a course to prosecute its originator and those who have given publicity to it." Government also state that once an inquiry is ordered and the fact announced, they expect the public and the Press to refrain from further comment until the inquiry is completed.

Disservice To Public

We fail to see any justification for these fresh restrictions on the Press. Government say: "There have been a series of reports in the Press of incidents and alleged incidents between members of the armed forces and the civil population. These incidents, which have received widespread publicity, have been subjected to thorough investigation by the authorities, and it has been found, in a number of cases, that the charges against the members of the armed forces were unfounded and incorrect. Government have the plain duty not merely of investigating complaints and punishing offenders, but, equally of protecting their servants against undeserved and mischievous attack." Government certainly owe a duty to their servants. They owe one also to the public and the Press. In their attempt to do their duty by their servants they have put unnecessary and dangerous restrictions on the Press and thereby have done a disservice to the public.

Govt. And Press

Let us see what are the likely results of the new law. The new law will make some undisciplined soldiers feel that they may easily evade the hand of the law. On the other hand the law will make the public and the Press more helpless in defending their rights. When facts are suppressed, even for a short period, all kinds of rumours, suspicions and alarms may spread. This is hardly a state of things that will be helpful to Government in securing maximum co-operation from the public in the common war effort. In its own interests and in its anxiety to honour the Gentlemen's Agreement between the Newspapers Editors and the Government the Indian Press has been extremely careful in giving publicity to reports about the misdoings of individual soldiers. But we fear Government have not consulted the Standing Committee of the Editors' Conference before inflicting this new restriction on the Press. The next meeting of the Committee should take serious notice of the increasing assaults on its rights and those of the public and also its future relations with Government with regard to the various issues that have cropped up in this matter.

Befriend Gandhiji

India is relying upon herself in her constitutional struggle with Britain. If another country like America chooses to help a settlement in accordance with the spirit of the Atlantic Charter, she will be true to her professions and otherwise do a service to herself in the common struggle against Japan. If she cannot help she must at least refrain from hindering. The impertinent remarks of the "Herald Tribune" on Gandhiji are, a hindrance and will do no good to America in her relations with India. Its remark that Gandhiji's appeal to Britain will "comfort the Japanese" is, let us hope, due to misunderstanding Gandhiji's earliest appeal which was unqualified. But recently he has stated again and again that for the very purpose of resisting Japan the withdrawal he asks for is quite compatible with the remaining of the British and American troops in accordance with a treaty with free India. With his characteristic candour he says in the latest issue of "Harijan": "Abrupt withdrawal of the Allied troops might result in Japan's occupation of India and China's sure fall. I had not the remotest idea of any such catastrophe resulting from my action. Therefore, I feel that, if in spite of the acceptance of my proposal, it is deemed necessary by the Allies to remain in India to prevent Japanese occupation, they should do so subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the National Government that may be set up after the British withdrawal." As regards the "Herald Tribune's" remark that by his appeal Gandhiji has recovered "a conspicuous place in the news", it is as silly as it is impertinent. Gandhiji needs no stunts to obtain publicity. He rather gives publicity to papers, whose representatives travel thousands of miles to obtain interviews with him. It is, indeed, its comments on him that have given the "Herald Tribune" a place in the news of the week.

The "Herald Tribune" is naturally uneasy about the prospect of Gandhiji starting an intensive campaign to win India's liberty. Many, including ourselves, have questioned the wisdom of starting such a campaign at the present moment. The best way for Britain to avert Gandhiji's campaign is to befriend him and arrive at a settlement with the Congress. There is no substantial difference between the Congress demand for independence and Gandhiji's appeal to Britain's withdrawal. Even Mr. Jinnah has said that, if Gandhiji and Pandit Jawaharlal "can persuade the British Government to withdraw immediately even without Mr. Gandhi's qualifications or 'orderly withdrawal', the Muslim League would welcome it." In bringing about national freedom welcomed by all America can, if she chooses, play a helpful role. Britain can do so to a much greater extent. As a free India is any day a more useful ally than a subject India, sullen and coerced, it will be in the interests of the Allies to help her freedom. The "Herald Tribune" says that, if India believes that "the United Nations other than Britain can be frightened into a demand upon the latter for greater concessions to the Nationalist 'face' than Sir Stafford Cripps made they are going to learn that American Public Opinion, which Gandhiji rates so low, does not react that way to a stickup." India does not expect either America or Britain to be frightened by her demand but she does expect them both to be wise and true to their professions about world freedom and democracy.

Russia And Turkey

M. V. Vinogradov, the Soviet Ambassador to Turkey, left Ankara on Thursday and two days later he has been followed by the Soviet Military Attache. What is more, the wives and members of the Soviet Embassy and Consulate have also left. These movements are as disquieting as they are difficult to understand. They appear to foreshadow some trouble, which it is in the interest of no one to precipitate. Turkey, it is admitted on all hands, is determined not to quarrel with any party unless her neutrality or sovereignty is assailed. Russia, it is also very clear, gains nothing by challenging Turkey. Indeed, the situation as it had developed in the Middle East and threatens to develop on the southern flank of the Russian front, raises the immense strategical value of Turkish neutrality even further and calls for every effort to preserve Turkish friendship and neutrality. Why then, this diplomatic exodus back to Russia?

Frankly Speaking

Surprising Admission

Captain Oliver Lyttleton, Britain's Minister of Production, gave an assurance the other day that the lessons of Libya would not be ignored in the matter of production. This clearly constitutes an admission that the types of weapons supplied to the Eighth Army were both inadequate and comparatively ineffective. This is a surprising admission. During the last two years several battles involving all sorts of weapons have been fought in North Africa. Is one to conclude that, inspite of so much experience in the battlefields of Libya let alone Russia, both Cairo and London were ignorant of the nature, types and effectiveness of the armaments at the disposal of the Axis? But this question, important for the future, cannot help the present.

Around Mersa Matruh

And it is the present that matters vitally in view of the military situation. As was only to be expected Field Marshal Rommel has lost no time in attacking the main British positions around Mersa Matruh. A battle was grimly joined on Saturday afternoon and increased hourly in fury and bitterness. But although no definite result was in sight till at any rate, Sunday evening, Rommel had shown himself able to manoeuvre round British positions and commentators had begun discussing the probability of his taking Mersa Matruh. All this suggests that the Eighth Army is still quite weak. This is a situation which is difficult to understand. General Auchinleck has an enormous force under his command and a fairly good proportion of it consists of men experienced in desert warware. His communications could not now be more easy or convenient. He could speedily rush men and metal which could decisively halt Rommel who is operating hundreds of miles away even from his advance bases.

Provocative Campaign

Are the U.P. Government deliberately out for a fight? They started an offensive with the arrest of Mr Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, and other Congress leaders and attack on the "National Herald" regardless of an official understanding between Government and the Editors' Conference. They also raided Swaraj Bhawan and confiscated typewriters and a cyclostyle machine which have yet to be returned. That was not only provocative. It was an instance of the surprising length to which an irresponsible bureaucracy can go. Since then the U.P. Government have been pursuing Congressmen with great zeal and energy. Armed with sweeping powers under the Defence of India Rules they have arrested some of the most prominent Congress leaders. And now their hand has fallen on Maulana Husain Ahmed Madani, a universally respected Muslim divine and President of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema. What are the U.P. Government working for?

Wanted Enquiry

Rescue work continues at the collapsed house at the Churchgate Reclamation. At the time of writing, in all 79 injured persons have been picked out of the debris, including the figures for Sunday night, of these twelve have died. But about sixty persons, including a number of women and children, are still trapped deep under the debris and seem to have little chance of being saved. The immediate duty of the Government, the Municipal Corporation and the public is to organise relief for the wounded, their dependents and all bereaved persons. We have no doubt all necessary help will soon be available But what is essential is that it should be prompt. The local Congress Committee will, we have no doubt, join in taking the initiative in organising wide-scale relief. As we stated yesterday an enquiry into the tragedy and into the adequacy or otherwise of our existing rescue machinery and the methods of its operation must be held. We note that the Mayor has also asked for a similar enquiry. The Municipal Commissioner said at the meeting of the Corporation yesterday that investigation was being made as regards the cause of the collapse. That, of course, will be done in the ordinary course. But the public demands a wider enquiry by independent experts and representatives of the people. Government must lose no time in instituting such an enquiry.

NALANDA SCHOLAR TO MEET MAHATMA

CALCUTTA, June 29.

Mr. Satyapal Dhavle, Secretary of the Nalanda Vidyapith, has left for Wardha to see Mahatma Gandhi and discuss with his problems relating to the Vidyapith.—United Press.

U. P. Congress Worker Arrested

ALMORA, June 29.

Pandit Ishwari Datt Joshi, a local Congress worker has been arrested under that Defence of India Rules for delivering an allegedly objectionable speech.—A.P.

NEW LINKS IN THE CHAIN

Congress President Condemns Arrest Of Jamiat Chief And Exposes Unclean Methods In Orissa

CALCUTTA, June 29.

The action of the U. P. Government in arresting Maulana Husain Ahmad Sahab Madani, President of the All-India Jamiat-ul-Ulema is criticised by the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, in a statement issued to the press to-day.

Maulana Azad says: "It is now quite plain that the U. P. Government has no intention of wavering in the least from the policy it has adopted against the national workers. True to its tradition, it has arrested Maulana Husain Ahmad Sahab Madani, President, All-India Jamiat-ul-Ulema.

The arrest was made at the Saharanpore railway station, while he was proceeding to the Punjab to preside over the Hindu-Muslim Unity Conference at Jhang. I was waiting for further details of his arrest. Now a telephone from Delhi informs me that he has been arrested in connection with some speeches. We know full well what is the meaning of political arrests in these days on account of speeches"

RESPECTED DIVINE.

Continuing the Congress President says: "Maulana Husain Ahmad holds a very respectable position among the Muslim Divines of India. He is the Principal of the biggest seat of Islamic learning in India, Darul Uloom, Deoband, thousands of whose students are to be found in every corner of the country and where they guide the religious life of millions of Mussalmans He is the President of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema, the biggest religious organization of the Mussalmans in India, for the last two years.

NOT AN AGITATOR.

"Then again, what on earth could be the justification for this sudden arrest? So far as I know he has no such activities which might have troubled the Government. Generally his entire time is spent in educational activities of the Deoband College, and he finds little opportunity to participate in public meetings. He is not a political agitator temperamentally. He always expresses his political views in moderate words and with care. If even such a personality cannot be immune from arrest, then we should have no difficulty in clearly understanding the present policy of the U. P. Government."

ORISSA SITUATION

New Link In Chain Of Events

Regarding the situation in Orissa, the Congress President says:

"It was stated in the newspapers a few days ago that the Government of Orissa has issued orders for the arrest of Shri Biswanath Das, ex-Premier of Orissa. The news of his arrest has not yet been received. It is quite possible that it might be passing over the wires between Orissa and Calcutta while these lines are being written. If Mr. Das has been arrested, it would be a new link of that chain of events which have been occurring in the Province one after another. Only one factor is working behind all this. A ministry has been formed which lacks the support of the majority.

The whole province is impatient to throw away this uncouth burden. As no constitutional method could be found to support this unconstitutional procedure, all sorts of unclean tactics are being used to gain time to save the Ministry. In order to gauge the existing situation properly, it would be sufficient to give a passing look to the events of the last few months.

THE NEW MINISTRY

At the time of the resignation of the Congress Ministry in 1939 the total strength of its members was 37 in a House of 60. Out of the remaining members, 5 were nominated and 18 independent members. One seat was vacant owing to the death of a member. In November 1941 seven members of the Congress Party deserted and joined the rest numbering 29 under the leadership of the Maharajah of Parlakimedi and formed a Ministry. When the Ministry was formed the Premier in a statement to the press said that he would call a session of the Assembly within six weeks. But the session was not called till the second week of February, 1942. Before the Assembly met, two members of the Congress Party were arrested under the Defence of India Rules, and were convicted to various terms of imprisonment. The charges were prejudicial acts, impeding the war efforts and creating disaffection against the Government. In appeal before the Sessions Judge all the accused have been acquitted on the charge of prejudicial act against war effort, though their conviction on the charge of creating disaffection against Government stands.

In one case where order for bail could be secured from the High Court, the release on bail was delayed by two days, so that the member could not attend the Assembly during voting on budget demands. In the meantime one of the deserters from the Congress Party has resigned and the pending by-election was successfully contested and won by the Congress against heavy odds. The position of parties, on the last day of the Assembly on March 31 was as follows: CONGRESS: 29 (plus 1 Speaker); MINISTERIALIST: 29: ONE SEAT vacant. In the first week of April one member of the Ministerialist Party died which reduced their number to 28 as against thirty of the Congress, and leaving two seats for by-election.

LETTERS UNANSWERED

On April 18 the Leader of the Congress Party, Mr. Biswanath Das wrote a letter to the Governor requesting him to convene a meeting of the Assembly. The letter was merely acknowledged and no reply has been received in spite of reminder.

On 27th May two Members of the Ministerialist Party resigned their Membership of the Party, as they did not want to continue supporting the Ministry, thus reducing the strength of the Party in Power to 26 only. On the 3rd June the Leader of the Congress Party wrote a second letter to the Governor along with letters from 29 other members of the Party. The letter has not been acknowledged so far, and no information is available if the Assembly is to be convened at all or not. By-elections to the vacant seats is not being held.

Although Mr. Das has not received any reply to his letter from the Governor, yet in a sense he has received one. He has been informed that he is about to be arrested.

This is the new popular Government of Orissa, which has received the blessings of the Viceroy, and about which the Secretary of State for India was so jubilant in the House of Commons!

Although the credit of exhibiting this curious force of constitution lies with the Governor of Orissa, we must not forget the Government of India. The real credit goes to Central Government alone."—A.P.

CONFIDENCE IN MAHATMA

Kerala P. C. C. Pledges Full Support

CALICUT, June 29.

Resolutions assuring Mahatma Gandhi of their full and hearty support, reiterating complete confidence in his leadership and expressing their conviction that only a National Government could take effective steps for the defence of India at this grave hour, were passed by the Kerala Provincial Congress Working Committee which met here with Mr. Moideen Kutty, M.L.A., President, in the chair.—A.P.

MAHATMA-'C. R.' TALKS CONTINUE

WARDHA, June 29.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar arrived here this morning from Bombay. He will resume his talks with Mahatma Gandhi this afternoon. It is likely that the talks will continue for two or three days whereafter he leaves for Madras.

The report that he is going to Delhi from Wardha is not correct.

About his talks with Mr. Jinnah, Mr. Rajagopalachariar declined to say anything. Asked whether the talks were likely to be resumed he said: "Is it not sufficient that I am leaving for Madras after my talks with Gandhiji?"—United Press

NO RETURN OF MINOR SON

CALCUTTA, June 28.

"This is a time of stress when young men should be proud to be members of fighting forces. It cannot be postulated that young men in Bengal are any the less eager to serve India and their country than the young men in other parts of this sub-continent. What the ward would learn may prove of unestimable advantage to him when, at the conclusion of hostilities, he returns to calmer pursuits of peace. I find no case has been made out for an order under Section 26 of the Guardians and Wards Act and the application to this extent is refused."

Thus observed Mr. E. S. Simpson, District Judge of Hooghly, refusing a petition by Mr. Jyotiprasad Chaudhuri, a pleader, that direction be issued to the Commander of a Military Unit somewhere in the United Provinces allowing the petitioner's minor son, Hariprosad Chaudhuri, to return to his custody.—United Press.

POTENCY OF INDIA'S HELP

American Congressman's Answer To Axis Charge Against United Nations

WASHINGTON, June 28.

"India, with its teeming millions, with its varying religious creeds, with its different tribal organizations and claims, has many valiant men on the fighting fronts. India's help, even if it is rather passive and not actively aggressive, is valuable to the United Nations in winning the war."

These above statements were recently made by Congressman Clyde Williams of the United States in a speech praising the United Nations. Congressman Williams continued:

"The United Nations comprise an overwhelming majority of the earth's population; and they possess most of its material resources. Our enemies seek, by every trick and device, to spread suspicion and discord; to create confusion and chaos; to plant racial and religious hatred in people's hearts. The Axis points out that the United Nations are composed of every race and creed; that the United Nations' Governments represent a great variety of political beliefs. These critics say that China has been looking through dreamy eyes for centuries with apparent indifference upon the world's progress; and that she belongs to a past and decadent age. For the last five years, China under the most adverse conditions against frightful odds, has been fighting a War against aggression. Its struggle for freedom has few equals in world history."—Reuter.

Latest Sugar Control Order

NEW DELHI, June 29.

A sugar control order issued to-day lays down that no producer shall, after such date as the Controller may notify in this behalf, dispose of, or agree to dispose of or in pursuance of any agreement entered into on or before such date make delivery of, any sugar except to or through a recognised dealer or to a person specially authorised by the Controller to acquire sugar on behalf of the Central Government or of a Provincial Government. The Controller may prohibit or limit the manufacture by any producer or by producers generally of such types or grades of sugar or sugar products as may be specified and no producer to whom the Controller's order applies shall manufacture any sugar or sugar products in contravention thereof.

The Controller may from time to time fix the prices at which any sugar made in India may be sold and no person shall sell or purchase any sugar at a price different from that fixed.

ON RAILWAY.

No sugar in consignments of more than one bag shall after such date as the Controller may notify, be offered for transport by rail by a consigner or accepted by a railway for transport except under a permit issued by the Controller, provided that this clause shall not apply to transport by rail of sugar (A) by a "bona fide" traveller as part of his personal luggage or (B) under or in accordance with military credit notes or (C) under and in accordance with a permit issued by a Provincial authority before the date of the notification of the Sugar Control Order.—A. P.

Nine Arrested For Kalka Outrage

SIMLA, June 29.

In connection with the rail-motor incident near Kalka nine persons have been taken into custody so far on suspicion including six in Ambala, one in Simla and two in Kalka. The police of British India and the Patiala State, in whose jurisdiction the incident occurred, are making great efforts to trace the culprits. Precautionary measures have also been adopted for the safe running of trains in the Kalka-Simla section.—United Press.

Churchgate House Collapse

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The salvage and rescue work at the terrible house collapse at Churchgate Reclamation is unfortunately proceeding at a snail's space.

One can have nothing but admiration for the bands of volunteers—A.R.P. and others—who are working day and night at the job in spite of inclement weather. But except for the military and Fire Brigade people, most of the young men are from the middle class and as such cannot very quickly and efficiently remove the mass of debris under which such a large number of human beings are still trapped.

Some one in authority should have immediately requisitioned the services of a thousand Kamathi workers—the same sort of people who were working on this building. Any first class contractor in the city could have brought such a labour force to work on the job.

If it takes such an unconscionably long time to clear a single house collapse in spite of so many lorries, cranes and arc lamps, what will happen when a number of buildings go down in a day during an air raid? This should open the eyes of the authorities and the public. The present A.R.P. personnel is inadequate to cope with this sort of work. They can supervise very well; but for the heavy and rugged work, a large labour force of Kamathi workers should always be easily available.—Yours etc.,

M. G. DESAI.

Bombay, June 29

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To the Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—While passing by the Churchgate Station this morning I went into the crowd of spectators near the collapsed building on the Reclamation and found the relatives of the victims who were buried under the debris bitterly weeping. They were not allowed to enter the ring or approach the scene of the tragedy. They were all crying with one voice, complaining against the manner in which the rescue operations were progressing. Being poor labourers their voices are not heard by anybody.

As I, too, was not allowed to enter the ring I drove to the other side and watched for some time at close quarters, how things are being done. Three or four groups of A.R.P. and P.V.B. volunteers lined up in rows to clear the debris. They picked up a stone here or a basket there which was passed on from one to another in the row, to be thrown out. At this rate it will take months to clear the huge mass of debris lying over an area of several hundred square yards, beneath which lie the bodies (alive or dead) of the victims. The anxious relatives are constantly crying that nothing is being done to extricate the bodies in the manner it should be done. I heard one of them saying that if they were allowed to take part in the rescue work they would have dug the whole debris in a few hours and saved many lives in time.

I cannot say how far this is true, but I am certain, for such manual labour, only labourers who are used to such work should be employed and not boy and girl volunteers in their uniforms who can hardly lift a stone or a basket. Brisk digging by a number of coolies or salvage men at every point of the huge heap of debris is what is required, these volunteers only helping them to carry out the rescue work without hindrance. When the ingenuity of man could fill several square miles of sea with earth, is it not possible to remove debris over such a small area in a few hours in order to save scores of lives buried under it? Is there not any salvage organisation that can mobilise a large force of manual labourers to do such rescue work in the quickest possible time in this metropolitan city? If there is any, then why depend on these volunteers who have hardly any training or capacity for manual labour to dig out hundreds of tons of debris? Is not the Municipality or Government responsible for organising such a labour force for salvage operations? I know the fire brigade and the A.F.S. people carry out such work, but I think something more needs to be done. The building collapsed at 4-30 p.m. on June 28 and till now the salvage work is not half done.

Will the kind-hearted public men take up this cause and remedy matters at once?

—Yours, etc.

VENKATRAO SISTA.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

SYLHET (Assam), June 29.
The communist members of the Sylhet Congress Committee have resigned their membership with a view to leading a campaign against the official Congress policy.
—United Press.

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A New Delhi report says that Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer has been offered a seat on the Governor-General's Executive Council.

It would be surprising if he had not. After all who better deserves to succeed that great Indian statesman Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar than Sir C. P. unless, of course it be—but they, too, will not wait long, there is no dearth of seats for the deserving?

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The New York "Herald Tribune" has editorially interpreted Mahatma Gandhiji's recent remarks as serving two purposes. "One is to comfort the Japanese, the other is recovery of a conspicuous place in the news for Mr. Gandhi."

You might think that America had already replaced Britain in India with the New York "Herald Tribune" discharging the patriotic duties of Diehard Imperialist journalism.

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The New York "Herald Tribune" any way does. So it proceeds to nector and threaten India on behalf of American public opinion and believes as so many others before it did that India would thereby be cowed.

We rather welcome this outburst. The rest is up to the Americans themselves.

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"Defeatism," says Dr. B. S. Moonje, "cannot be got over by surrendering helplessly to it. It is to be tackled and fought out manfully."

That is, of course, in the Mahasabha way.

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Apropos of the Reclamation house collapse tragedy Anglo-India has graciously praised the work of the fighting services, the fire brigade the salvage corps, the A. R. P. services ambulances and the Police.

Yes, you are right. It couldn't very well mention the P.V.B.

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Mr. Ernest Bevin authoritatively declares that the production of British aircraft factories is greater than that of Germany.

Splendid. But er—er—where are they?

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By the way, Mr Bevin condemned attempts "to play off Mr Churchill against his colleagues" and stoutly asserted that they all worked as a team.

All right let them all take the blame if he insists.

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U. S. Plan To Fight U-boat Menace
—Headline.

Proceeding "on schedule" with a few "bottlenecks."

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The first major Expeditionary Force of American Marines has been landed at a South Pacific "jumping off" place, says a U.S.A. report.

Let us hope the first minor "jumping off" will not be long now.

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The young doctor was trying to cheer up his lugubrious patient.

"Four years ago," he said "I had exactly the same symptoms as yours, and look at me now!"

"Yes" replied the patient "but what doctor did you have?"

COMMISSION HOUSE BUYING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

DEADLOCK OVER FARM LEGISLATION

Bombay, June 29.

On Saturday, the New York cotton market was steady on buying by Commission Houses. There was light Spot House buying and short covering which found offerings limited principally small scale hedging and week-end liquidation.

Outside participation was apathetic with the continuance of the deadlock over Farm Legislation.

At the opening July was quoted 6 points up at 18.15 and declined to 18.10 which was the lowest level. There was improved buying and July advanced to 18.26 which was the highest level. The market closed at a net rise of 10 to 14 points. Spot cotton prices gained 10 points at 19.91c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was steady and closed at a rise of 7 to 15 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 11 points at 18.79c. per lb.

WEEKLY REVIEW

Cotton, after touching new high levels on mill price-buying, covering and New Orleans buying, turned reactionary on more active July liquidation, switching on widening differences, increased hedging and realising. Evening-up in July has been a feature. European and African war news attendant on expectations of increasing Government pressure for textiles was early an incentive, but continued uncertainty over the outcome of parity price legislation subsequently exercised greater pressure with the withdrawal of some earlier buyers to the sidelines. Increased weevil activity in sections of the belt was offset by ideal prospects elsewhere. Cotton goods sales were modest with mills expecting further sizeable Government orders. Spot sales were light in some districts on the report that free cotton is being held for better prices.

The Department of Agriculture announced that under the terms of the amendments of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 loans on cotton will be made by the Commodity Credit Corporation at 85 per cent parity price on August 1.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (11-5 a.m.)	18.20+11
New York July lowest (10-7 a.m.)	18.10+01

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Trade and scattered buying. Small offerings. Market steady.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, June 27

July	18.19+10
October	18.61+13
December	18.76+13
January	18.82+13
March	18.93+13
May	19.02+14

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, June 29.

Following a rise of 10 points in New York cotton futures the local market opened today at Rs. 196/8 for Broach J/A delivery and under scattered buying prices improved to Rs. 197/4. As expected the difference between Pucca and Mahajan is widening. In view of tenders fresh business was small but open interest being fairly large we believe that the price fluctuations will be wide.

Later on there was increased selling and prices declined to Rs. 194/8. Small support again appeared and the market steadied at Rs. 195, the market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

BROACH July/August	Rs.	195 12 0
OOMRA July		167 12 0
BENGAL July		163 0 0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, June 29

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		170	167	164	161
M G Punjab		170	167	164	161
M G Rajputana		176	173	170	167
M G Oomra No. 3	177	174	171	168	
M G C P No. 1	201	198	195	192	
M G C P No. 2	189	186	183	180	
M G Broach No. 2		205	202	199	196
M G Punjab-American		285	282	279	275
M G Surat		395	392	389	386
M G Rajpipla		390	387	384	381
M G Navsari		400	397	394	391

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, June 29

	Old.	Ready.
Bengal	.....	164/67
Berar	155-60	174/78
C P 1	165-70	193/98
C P 2	155-60	183/86
Khandesh	130-45	.....
Muglai	145-55	.....
Broach	145-55	201/08
Broach Low	135-40	.....

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, June 27.

Broach July/August highest 196 lowest 192 3/4 closing 196

Oomra July highest 165 lowest 166 closing 168

Bengal July highest 163 lowest 162 closing 162 1/2

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, June 29.

Groundnut	August	5	0 0
Castorseed	September	6	0 0
Cottonseed	September	2	12 0
Silver 2nd	settlement	2	6 0
Gold 2nd	settlement	1	4 0

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, June 29.

On Saturday, London markets were closed. London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot silver was 23 1/2d and New York spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3 The local market was fairly steady with improved buying. Quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	50	1 0
Jeth		50	1 0
Sovereigns		37	13 0

SILVER

Ready		85	3 0
Jeth		83	15 0

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, June 29

Groundnuts August—			
Opening	62	8	0
Highest	63	10	0
Lowest	62	8	0
Closing	63	8	0
Cottonseeds September—			
Opening	29	7	0
Highest	30	9	0
Lowest	30	6	0
Closing	30	9	0
Castorseeds September—			
Opening	61	4	0
Highest	61	4	0
Lowest	60	6	0
Closing	61	0	0
Linseed September—			
Closing	8	8	0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, June 29.

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	122	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	145	0 0

Tone:—Firm.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, June 29.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

	27-5-42	This year.	Last year.
Khandesh	.....	80,505	99,835
Central India	.....	30,055	142,899
Barsi and Nagar	.....	53,110	119,100
Hyderabad/Gaorani	568	18,989	47,472
Berar	.....	177,756	369,643
Central Provinces	.....	87,565	76,472
Total Oomras	568	448,080	855,421
Dholeras	.....	33,233	95,085
N.-W. Provinces	.....	1,425	1,414
Rajputana	.....	402	6,500
Sind-Punjab	.....	411,863	534,726
Broach	.....	319,475	267,137
Coompta & Dharwar	.....	24,820	120,543
Westerns-Northerns	432	27,917	93,536
Cosoana	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	34	15,367	7,947
Arr. by road to 18th June 42	.....	92,500	312,133

COTTON PARITY

Broach July/August below New York July 1,064 cent points at exchange 331

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Small Turnover

Bombay, June 29.

The local share bazar was quietly steady with a small turnover. There was scattered buying. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1450 and improved to Rs. 1462. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 294 and steadied at Rs. 295. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1462.

The dividends declared on Tata Steel shares have created criticism in the market and Messrs. Patel and Kamdutt state:—

This created an uproar all over and it did not please anyone except perhaps Tatas themselves and their colleagues sitting on the Board of Directorate with them. We have not yet met a single shareholder who was not dissatisfied. In fact, many of them were enraged considerably and they actually said that something must be done in this respect. Not only that but many wished that for the future even there should be an assurance from the authorities that Tatas will not come out with such novel schemes Something must be done about this. Some enquired that it was a slap to Deferred shareholders who had upset the cart of their previous scheme of converting Deferreds into Ordinaries at the rate of 5 1/2 Ordinaries to each Deferred? We would still appeal to Tatas and the Directors of the Steel Company not to persist and foist this scheme of theirs on the shareholders. They do not want such schemes at all. In fact they expected to get at least the same dividends as that of the previous year. Instead of maintaining the dividend, they have thought fit to decrease it and added insult to injury. They ought to have devised some other means to get this money.

Income stock certificate is really something new to us all The total amount of money of these certificates will be Rs. 83,92,500 and we simply fail to understand that Tatas with such great reputation are unable to find money elsewhere. We flatly refuse to believe all that. In fact we believe that they can get money at cheaper rate than 3 per cent elsewhere.

It would have been better to have delayed payment of dividend by a few weeks or a month or two in order to accommodate the financial arrangements (if any) than to come forward with such schemes and invite unnecessary criticisms from shareholders and the general public. We therefore appeal with all the force in our power to the good sense of the Chairman and the Directors of this Company to revise their decision and satisfy the shareholders and not only that but we emphasiee and say that the dividends paid during the previous year should be maintained. If they are unable to do so in such thriving time, we simply fail to understand what their fat-salaried economists are doing.

TEXTILE MILLS

Bombay, June 29

Apollo 5/4; Ahmedabad Advance 357/8; Bombay Dyeing 1242/8; Central India 365; Century 468; Colaba Land 177/8; E D United 2/15/3; Finlay 211; Gokak 260; Indian Bleaching 168; Indore Malwa 332/8; Kohinoor 481; Lakshmi 768/12; Morarji 585; Mysore 137/3; New Great 272; Phoenix 400; Podar 218/8; Sassoon Silk 91/8; Sholapur 6460; Simplex 217; Svadeshi 463; Swan 199; Tata Mill 32; Vishnu 1595; New City 260.

ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley 1620; Ahmedabad Electric 180; Ajmere Electric 13/11; Bombay Suburban (old) N 173/12; Bombay Tramways 131/12; Karachi Electric 187/8; Poona Electric 215; Surat Electric 193/12; Tata Hydro 169; Tata Power 1487/8.

MISCELLANEOUS

Associated Cement 167; Belapur Sugar 230; Bombay Burma 225; Bombay Burma New 70; Bombay Steam 340; Shivrajpur 36/8; Tata Steel Defd 1450; Tata Steel Ord 292/8; Prem Construction 117/8; Br B Petrol 1/5/3; Indian Radio Defd 330; Indian Radio ord 350; Scindia Steam 20/3; Tata Chemical 16/4; Tata Oil 53/4; Western India Match 218/12; Burma Corporation 1/15; Indian Iron 26/9; Indian Copper 1/15; Steel Corpn of Bengal 16/10.

BANKS

Baroda 113; Central 46/12; Imperial F P 1537/8; Imperial P P 370/10; India 142; Reserve 101/12; Union 6/3.

RAILWAYS

Ahmedabad Prantej 205; Central Province 112; Gujarat 110; Hoshiarpur Doab 97; Mandra Bhon 111; Sara Sirajgunge 98/8; Sialkot Narowal 115.

INSURANCE

Empire 700; Jupiter 15; New India 48/8; Oriental Life 4050; Vulcan Insurance 9/14.

DEBENTURES

4 per cent Tata Chemical 1952 119; 4 per cent Andhra 1952 104/14; 4 per cent Bombay Telephone 48/4; 4 per cent Tata Power 1951/55 104/14.

PREFERENCE

5 per cent Ahmd Advance 125; 7 per cent Andhra 1580; 7 per cent Bombay Tram 77/12; 6 per cent Bombay Steam 327/8; 5 per cent Central India 682/8; 6 per cent Tata Steel 1st 204/10; 7 1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd 132/4; 7 per cent Tata Hydro 151/4; 7 1/2 per cent Tata Power 1597/8; 6 1/4 per cent P Const 1st 121/8; 6 1/4 per cent P Const 2nd 118/8; 5 per cent Svadeshi 138; 5 per cent T Chem 121/14.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, June 29.

Yarn No. 6 1/2s June 218 August 219
Yarn No. 10 1/2s June 263 August 264
Yarn No. 20 1/2s June 363 August 370
Yarn No. 40s June 545 August 550
Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s, 40s, are nominal.

Calcutta Share Market

CALCUTTA, June 29.

The Stock Exchange ruled fairly steady and active after the week-end and a fair business was put through round all sections. Government securities continued weak.

The following are final transactions up to 2 p.m.:—

Government securities:— 3 per cent loan (1963/65) 91/6; 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 90/13; 4 per cent loan (1960/70) 106 small lot; 5 per cent loan (1945/55) 107/10.

Bank:—Reserve Bank 100.

Railways:—Hoshiarpur Doab Rly. 97 ct; Kalighat Falta Rly 85.

Cottons:—Bengal Nagpur 22; Cawnpore textiles 9/3; Kesoram 9/15.

Coals:—Bengal 369; Singaran (a) 1/14; Equitable 34/4 small lot; Talcher 2; West Jamuria 29 ct.

Jutes:—Agarpara 18/12; Dalhousie 216 small lot; India 330 ex div; small lot ct.; National 21; Chitavalshah 14/6; Hukumchand 12/8; Kamarhatty 448/8; Presidency 4/15.

Eng. Companies:—Bhartia elec. steel 13/8; Indian Galvanising 30/4; ex div. Indian iron and steel 27; Indian St. Wagon (pref) 134; Kumardhubi Eng. (ord) 5/1; Steel Corpn. (ord) 16/15; Burn and Co. 6 per cent pref 121 c div.

Miscellaneous:—Burma Corpn. 2; Indian copper 3; Assam Bengal cement 11/14; Dalmia cement (ord) 15/8 ct; Patna elec. 17/1; B. I. Corpn. (ord) 5/3; (pref) 171; Orient paper 18/5; Titaghur paper 19 c div.

Sugar shares:—Carew and Co. (ord) 13; Puraibpore 13 ct.

Tea share:— Dimakusi 28/2.

Debentures:—6 per cent (1955/85) Calcutta Port Trust debs 113; 3 1/4 per cent (1966/66) Howrah Bridge Debs 88 small lot.

Latest Commercial

COTTON

OCTOBER

New York, June 29.

Previous closing	18.61
To-day's opening	18.57
Difference	—.04

To-day's closing see Stop Press.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, June 29.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

July (18.15/14) 18.13/13
October (18.48/48) 18.58/57
December (18.63/63) 18.72/7

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, June 29.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Bombay June/July (£24 sellers) £24 sellers
Linseed Calcutta June/July unquoted
Linseed La Plata June/July (£18 quoted) £18 15/16 sellers
Groundnuts Coromandal June/July (East Coast India shipment not quoted) West Coast India shipment (£24 sellers) £24 sellers

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, June 29.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, June 29.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD

London, June 29.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, June 29.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London, June 29.

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, June 29.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices: General Motors (dol 36 1/4) dol 36 3/4 Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24 3/8) dol 24 3/4

United States Steel Common (dol 46 1/8) dol 46 3/4

United States Steel Preference (dol 108) dol 107 5/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, June 29.

London Stock Exchange was dull to-day.

3½ PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, June 29.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £100 13/16

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

5 per cent 1958-68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £107 3/8
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100
4 per cent Funding Loan £115
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105
3 per cent War Loan £101 13/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-10 1/2
Electric Music Industry 15-10 1/2
Princhin Johnson 23-6
Imperial Chemical 31-6
Woolsworth Ordinary 52-10 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £79
Dundee 27-0
Unilever Ordinary 26-9
Ford Motors 25-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £60
British American Tobacco Ordy £3 13/16
Carreas 'A' £5 3/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £5 1/16
P and O Defd 26-7 1/2
Distillers 74-3
Bredfords Dyes 7-10 1/2
British Celanese 9-1 1/2
J and P Coates 35-4 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 33-0
Fine Cotton Spinners 8-10 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-0
Inter Nickel dol 37 7/8
Indian Iron 38-9

TEA SHARES

Assam 13-6
Donaro Tea 24-4 1/2
Empire of India 14-6

JUTE

Barnagore £6

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-1 1/2
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant 14-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-6
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 13/16 Ex Div.
Rand Mines £6 3/8 Ex Div.

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 3/16 Ex Div.
Associated Portland Cement 47-9
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub-Nigel £5 7/8 Ex Div
Spring Mines Split Share £6 15/16 Ex Div.
Union Corporation 135-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-7 1/2
Anglo-India 41-3
Burma Oil £1 11/16
Mexican Eagle 9-1 1/2
Shell Transport £2 7/32
Royal Dutch £18 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £44 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £19 1/4
London North Eastern Defd £1 7/8
London Southern Defd £16 1/8
London Transport 5 per cent £126
London Transport 'C' £40 1/2

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, June 29

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 150 28 142 35 142 42 140 49-56 138

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 123 24 119 28 118 35 110 42 109 49-56 109

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 110 Rosita Rs. 108 Country make Rs. 77 Piglead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 55 per cwt.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 140; lowest for today Rs. 136.

Piglead 'B.M.' Aso Rs. 141; lowest for today Rs. 136.

Market tone:—Chithi for Ashad settlement fixed at Rs. 140.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, June 29.

After a steady tendency the market turned a little easier. Tata Deferreds improved to 1470 but closed later at 1455. Tata Ordinaries were at first better off at 296 but subsequently declined to 294. Amongst textiles, Bombay Dyeings were quoted at 1250 and Central Indias kept lower at 368. Centuries however were firm at 468. Indian Irons were unchanged at 26-8.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1465 1460 1470 1450 1455
Tata Ordinaries (292) 293 296 294
Tata Ordinary 294; Tata Deferred 1455; Indian Iron 26-8; Steel Corpn of Bengal 16/8; Bombay Dyeing 1250; Central India 367/8; Century 468/2; Gokak 261/14; Kohinoor 482/8; Simplex 216; Andhra Valley 1610; Tata Hydro 168/2; Tata Power 1490; Associated Cement 167; Belapur 231/4; Bombay Burma (old) 225.

MAXIMUM WHEAT-FLOUR PRICES

Director of Information, Bombay writes: The Government of Bombay has already fixed maximum prices for the sale of wheat. Similar prices have now been fixed for the sale in Bombay City of wheat flour, ata and bran As the bulk of the demand for these products is met by the Wallace Flour Mills Co. Ltd. the Government has fixed the following maximum prices for the sale of the products of these mills only in Bombay City:—

Name of commodity & its Trade Name	Wholesale Price per bag per lb of 196 lb inclusive of the cost of the bag Rs	Retail Price per bag Rs
Anchor Superfine	22 12 3	0 2 0
Anchor Export	21 8 3	0 2 0
Balloon Household	21 0 3	0 1 9
Telephone Household	20 6 3	0 1 9
Anchor Atta No. 2	17 0 3	0 1 6
Anchor Shop No. 5	16 10 3	0 1 6
Bran	Per bag of 140 lb inclusive of the cost of the bag.	
Anchor Bran	5 14 4	0 0 9

CHEQUES CLEARED

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 26-6-42 were as under:—

Number of cheques—1,08,397
Amount of cheques—21,20,44,417-6-4.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay June 26

2 3/4 per cent 1948 52 97/3
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 90-14
3 per cent 1951-54 Loan 98/10
3 per cent 1949-52 Loan 99/4
3 per cent 1963-65 91/10
4 per cent 1960-70 Loan 106/12
3 per cent 1946 Bonds 101/14
4 per cent War Bonds 101/12
3 1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 102
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 110

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 108
4 per cent 1963-63 Mysore 113
5 per cent 1956 Mysore 122

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1947 103
4 per cent M Deb 1947 104
5 per cent M Deb 1956 112
5 per cent M Deb 1954 123/8
5 per cent K P T 1956 122/8
Tone:—Easy

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, June 29.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 9/32 Two Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months
Banks Buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months
B C Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/5 1/32 D D 1/5 5/32
LONDON/NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs. 329 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL:
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 3/4 D D 294 3/4
LONDON/BERNE:
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4 D D Fcs nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2 D D Fcs nil
LONDON/STOCKHOLM
Banks selling T T 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON:
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27 D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs 62.04
LISBON/LONDON:
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of sterling Exchange:—Quiet.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call and 1 month not quoting
2 to 5 months 1/4 per cent
6 to 11 months 1/2 per cent
Tone:—Very easy

Save for Victory!

LET YOUR SAVINGS HELP TO WIN THE WAR

SAVE FOR VICTORY BRITISH WAR SAVINGS MOVEMENT ASK YOUR BANK

Inserted by the British War Savings Committee. P. O. Box 625, Calcutta.

Remittances from India & Burma for purchase of Sterling War Loans

in 1940 ...	£597,622
in 1941 ...	£1,012,714
in 1942 (to May) ...	£758,822
Total	£2,369,158

EVERY PENNY IS NEEDED!

BWS/23

TYRE RATIONING means TYRE CONSERVATION.

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The Tyre Rationing Order has been introduced to conserve rubber and to ensure adequate tyre supplies for Defence purposes.

Very few tyres will be available for the civilian motorist, and so he should make sure of getting maximum service from those he has.

SPEED eats up tyres. If you drive your car at 50 m.p.h. you will get less than two-thirds of the mileage from your tyres that you would at 35 m p h. Moreover, at high speeds there is much greater risk of damage from small obstacles on the road.

Speed these days is not worth the cost in rubber—so

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By BUD FISHER

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

We have watched for over thirty-six hours a grim and ugly tragedy, such as has not occurred in this city before. We have watched the early nervous tension when under the debris of a crumbled house were trapped over a hundred men and women whom no one knew and of whom no one had heard. Most of them were poor Indian labourers, working on a house under construction. The tension grew as each hour passed and after the first shock, we saw volunteer workers settle down to the task of rescuing what they could of the living. Now at the end of thirty-six hours, we must assume that for some this rubble of what was once brick and mortar or concrete and steel will now be a permanent grave. As night fell and the arc lights shone, it intensified the gloom and the whole attention of a city seemed to be focused on that plot of ground on which gallant men and women were fighting for the lives of unknown Indian labourers.

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I have been on the scene a number of times and watched the men working tirelessly hour after hour.

The city owes a particular debt of gratitude to many who are unknown to us as individuals. Our first thanks are due to the English soldier, sappers and miners, who have been seen working on this scrap-heap for many hours at a stretch—working till they have got drenched to the skin. It has made, I must confess, a profound impression on many an Indian to see these sons of Britain, in between fighting for their country in a World War, still being ready and willing to help in the rescue of our countrymen.

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I saw an English girl, short, stubby, blonde, who arrived on Sunday night on the scene from a dance at Green's. She worked till four in the morning and was there again till midnight on Monday. I saw A. R. P. workers in steel helmets getting their first taste of the real thing and showing that they were willing to do their bit. I saw the P. V. B. equally keen and eager and it was a heartening sight to see Khaddar-clad, Gandhi capped Indians jostling with officers of the British Navy and the Royal Engineers.

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I once criticised a canteen on Esplanade Road in which Lady Pelit plays a prominent part on the ground that it did not cater for Indians. After seeing this lady and her group of workers, work for two whole days, I take that back with an apology, because I was wrong.

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AFGHAN PLANE CRASH VICTIMS

PESHAWAR, June 29.

An aircraft of the Afghan Air Force crashed in Kabul yesterday. Both the pilots and the observer were killed. The funeral of the deceased took place with full military honours. Sardar Shah Mahmud Khan, War Minister, paid a tribute to the services of the deceased and expressed sympathy with the bereaved families.—A.P.

BR. SUBMARINE'S BIG BAG

Italian Cruiser Sunk And Battleship Hit

ALEXANDRIA, June 29.

A British submarine, one of a number sent out to intercept an Italian fleet when a large convoy was recently passing through the Mediterranean bound for Malta suddenly found itself in the middle of an Italian battle fleet.

Two battleships, two cruisers and number of destroyers had been sighted earlier and coming up for a final look round, the captain was amazed to find himself right in the middle of it as a result of the fleet turning away owing to a bombing attack.

When conditions became suitable, the British submarine fired all her torpedos at the battleships hitting on capital ship of the Littoria Class.

This battleship reduced her speed indicating serious damage.

The escorting Italian vessels were so confused that they made no counter-attack.

Meanwhile, the submarine warily crept up behind a damaged cruiser of the Trento Class scoring two torpedo hits on the cruiser.

The submarine did not wait to see the result but heard the cruiser sinking within three minutes.

An hour later destroyers were still picking up Italian survivors.—Reuter.

3 United States' Merchantmen Sunk

WASHINGTON, June 28.

The sinking of three United States' merchantmen is reported by the Navy Department.

From one of these, a small merchantman sunk in the Gulf of Mexico, there were no survivors.

The other two, one small and one medium, were "sunk several weeks ago by enemy submarine action several hundred miles off the Atlantic coast" according to a Navy Department announcement.

Survivors from these two have been landed at ports on the east-coast and the gulf.—Reuter.

Japan's Shipping Problem

WASHINGTON, June 23.

Germany's leading economic and financial weekly, "Deutsche Volkswirt", does not make any effort to conceal the seriousness of Japan's shipping problem.

A writer in this journal states that while Japan increased her commercial fleet between 1936 and 1939 from 4,200,000 tons to 6,600,000 tons, the Chinese war has required her withdrawal of 1,500,000 tons for military use. The new construction for Japan's merchant fleet in 1937 totalled 451,000 tons; in 1938, 442,000 tons; and in 1939, 400,000 tons.

This steady decline, declares the writer, is continuing because of Japan's lack of steel and qualified labour. The present capacity of her shipyards is 800,000 tons annually even if her material and labour problems are solvable.

The German author appears to doubt whether Japan can complete her construction programme calling for 7,500,000 tons in 1942 and 1943. He declares that Japan faces the same shipping difficulties as Britain but that she lacks Britain's construction and potential recuperative powers.

TURKISH CONSULATE GENERAL FOR BOMBAY

ANKARA, June 29.

Turkey is opening a Consulate General in Bombay. The Consul General has not yet been appointed but M. Shemsetin Madin, former Secretary of the Embassies at Moscow, Cairo, London and Belgrade has been nominated Consul.—Reuter.

Congress-Govt. Negotiations Again?

Sequel To Roosevelt-Churchill Talks

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, June 29.

That India figured in the recent Churchill-Roosevelt discussions at Washington to the opinion expressed by the Parliament members here. Some observers pointed out to the United Press of India last night that China which was one of the most important subjects of the Washington talks, could not have been discussed without reference to India and naturally its political aspect.

These observers attach great importance to the presence of Col. Louis Johnson in Washington when the British Prime Minister was with President Roosevelt.

They say that Col. Johnson carried with him two important documents from India—one a copy of the letter which Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have written to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in which he conveyed India's full support to China on condition of the withdrawal of British and American forces from India; and the other personal letter from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to President Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt who was thus kept informed of these matters could not, it is argued but have the opportunity to impress upon the British Premier the urgency of a settlement of the Indian problem, especially the Defence.

Following this reasoning, it is further said that the Government may seek an early opportunity to open fresh negotiations with the Congress. Mr. Gordon MacDonald, front bench Labour member of Parliament, and other Indian sympathisers, it is learnt, are pressing the Government to take the initiative once again.

The debates on Libya and Mr. Churchill's Washington visit may bring India once again into the picture.

It is, however, a significant note that at this very moment reports are circulating that Mr. Churchill is contemplating further Ministerial changes. Mr. Amery's position, according to Parliamentary observers, has become untenable for some time past and, may be, he will make room for a younger man.

Gloucester On Ceylon's Defence

COLOMBO, June 28.

The Duke of Gloucester has left Ceylon after the conclusion of his short but very busy visit. In bright weather his plane took off followed by escort hurricanes

"I have been most impressed by what I have seen of the fighting forces in Ceylon," declares the Duke in a farewell message to Ceylon.

He adds, "Your lovely island was not meant for war, but since the enemy has decided to bring war to Ceylon, let the test prove that, as in a precious stone, there is hardness and strength in its beauty.

"Like that other island, which is my home, Ceylon is a fortress on which the waves of the invader, if he comes, will break in vain. In both the islands there is visible proof of fellowship, which binds together the British Commonwealth of Nations."

The Duke congratulated the Civil Defence services of the island on their fine work and added: "To train to prepare to stand on guard for month after month without allowing the edge of alertness to be blunted is one of the hardest test of the war."—A P.

PROFITEERING AND HOARDING MUST STOP

Mr. K. F. Nariman, M.L.A., has issued the following statement:—

Although luckily actual war is miles away from this Western 'Gateway of India', still, so far as good and necessary supplies are concerned, the citizens of Bombay are passing through the bitter experience of a besieged area, as if cut off from the rest of the world.

While the Controller of foodstuffs is busy in his Secretariat cushion chair preparing statistics and comparing rates of different periods, and Government is issuing ineffectual paper orders, thousands of citizens, particularly in the poorer labour areas, are knocking in vain from shop to shop, pleading, arguing and even protesting with the refractory shop-keepers, as if they were begging for charity doles.

Kerosene has become a costlier and rarer commodity than petrol, and was easier, even in the days of strict prohibition, get a bottle of whisky than a bottle of kerosene today; crowds with empty cans and tins are seen, waiting in drenching rain outside these shops, when the shopkeepers is enjoying a quiet biddie-smoke within closed doors surrounded by casks of kerosene.

Sugar is another rare delicacy; you can't get in a private shop a spoon-full for a gold mohur; all the grocers appear to have conspired not to part with his hoarded treasure, perhaps, as a measure of retaliation protest against the new rivals, the Government shops.

The other day a poor woman mill-worker exhibited one single 'tomato' vegetable to a gaping and angry crowd; she had paid three annas for it"; one from the crowd sarcastically inquired whether it was a tomato or 'Kulu' and 'Kashmir apple'? Such intolerable and exasperating condition exists with regard to almost all daily necessities of life.

There should be an immediate control and rationing of all necessary commodities and food supply in the city. Hoarding and profiteering should be severely punished. Instead of misapplying and abusing some drastic provisions of Defence of India Rules for suppressing political activities, if they were legitimately availed of for the purpose of solving such acute situation, none would complain. There should be a representative at each grocer's and food supply shop to supervise and compel sales at reasonable fixed rates. Mere publication of scheduled rates and even submission of stock, issue of memoes, etc., are not protective and effective enough, so far as large proportion of poor ignorant population is concerned. These measures can be easily evaded and breaches are difficult to detect.

All the A.R.P., P.V.B. and other volunteers or extra paid staff should be recruited for the purpose, to serve as an official attendant at several shops, and all that should be done now and immediately, the tension has reached a breaking point and will not brook any further delay.

Deposit Duplicate Key With Police

SYLHET, June 29.

The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet has issued a notice asking all persons having in possession or control any motor vehicle other than motor cycle to deposit on or before July 7 a duplicate ignition key by which the said vehicle may be operated, at the police station.—United Press.

GORE'S CONVICTION CHALLENGED

Counsel Declares Speech Was Not Objectionable

(From Our Correspondent)

GULBERGA, June 28.

The hearing of the appeal filed by Mr. N. G. Gore came up for hearing before the Additional Session Judge Mr. Syed Mohamed Maheyudin Ansari.

Mr. Jiwbalsoosaheb Alandkar conducted the appeal on behalf of the accused. He submitted that Mr. Gore had expressed the hope that Russia should come out triumphantly in this war and therefore change the system of the whole world so that all citizens would enjoy equal rights of living, independence, etc. This speech could not be termed objectionable under the Defence of India Rules, because by wishing victory to Russia, he had consequently wished victory for Great Britain.

The judgment was reserved.

Robin Chatterji Removed After 22 Hours

LAHORE, June 29.

Robin Chatterji, a Bengali swimmer, who entered the D. A. V. College tank yesterday at 7-30 a. m. in an attempt to break the World Swimming Record with hands and feet tied, was taken out of the tank this morning at 5-30 a. m. after competing only 22 hours. Last night at about 10 p. m. he started vomitting, having caught a chill owing to the low temperature of the water, and contined to do so till about 5 a. m. Efforts were made to increase the temperature of the water with electric heaters and buckets of hot water but all these failed to help him. He was ultimately taken out of the tank at 5-30 a. m. and removed to the residence of a friend where he is recovering from the effects of the chill.—A.P.

Three Hurs Killed and 41 Arrested

KARACHI, June 27.

Three Hurs are reported to have been killed in an encounter with villagers when a gang of ten Hurs raided a village near Perumal's village last night.

Forty-one Hurs, including three women, were arrested near Halla village yesterday.—A.P.

CONFERENCES TO DISCUSS COST OF LIVING INDICES

NEW DELHI, June 29.

An informal conference to be attended by representatives of the Government of India and of employers and labour will be held here on July 1 to discuss the Government of India's proposals relating to cost of living indices.—A.P.

ENCASHMENT OF BURMA NOTES

NEW DELHI, June 29.

The public are warned that the present encashment of Burma notes at all branches of the Imperial Bank throughout India will continue only till July 14, 1942, and that thereafter these notes will only be encashed for genuine refugees at Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Silchar, Margherita and Imphal in Assam and at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India at Calcutta, Canpore and Madras in the rest of India.—A. P.

DACCA CURFEW RELAXED.

DACCA, June 29.

In view of the improvement in the situation in the city the District Magistrate has curtailed the period of the curfew by two hours with effect from to-morrow enforcing it between 7 p.m. and 5-30 a.m. The Additional District Magistrate to-day sentenced one man, who was arrested with a dagger in his possession, to six months' rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

BRITAIN PRODUCING MORE PLANES THAN GERMANY

Big Improvement In Ship Repairing

LIVERPOOL, June 28.

The production of British aircraft factories is greater than that of Germany, declared the Minister of labour Mr. Ernest Bevin, speaking at Liverpool on Sunday night. There is a big improvement in ship repairing.

Referring to North Africa Mr. Bevin said the battle was not yet over, adding that he had great faith in the Eighth Army.

Mr. Bevin declared he had never served with any body of men irrespective of party who had done more to work as a team than the Government under Mr. Winston Churchill, and he vigorously condemned attempts to "play off Mr. Winston Churchill against his colleagues".—Reuter.

INVENTOR OF ROSS RIFLE DEAD

PETERSBURG (Florida) June 29.

The death has occurred here of Sir Charles Ross, inventor of the Ross Rifle and one of the largest land-owners in the Empire.—Reuter.

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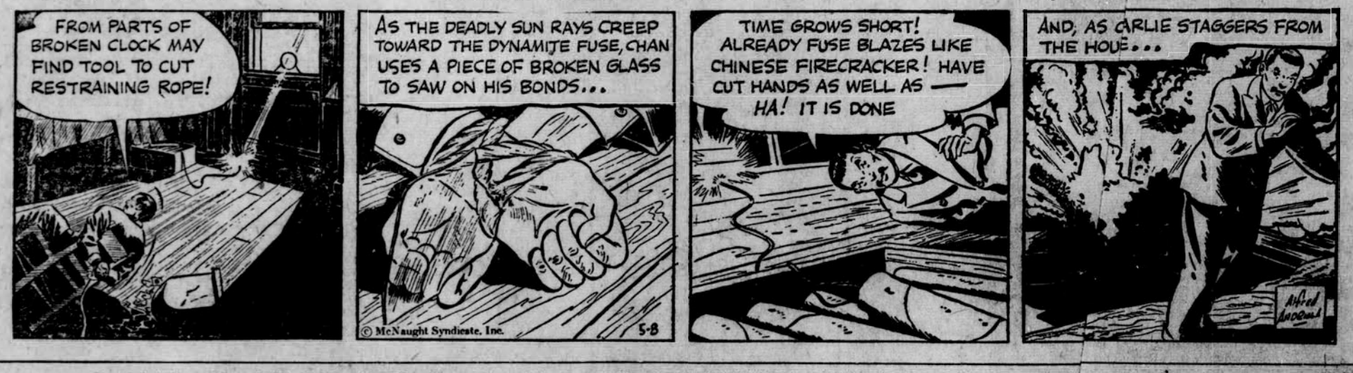
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